Micro Projects Schemes for primitive tribes in Orissa

1903. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state what is the number of families belonging to primitive tribes who have been benefited under the Micro Projects Schemes in Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): As per information received from the State Government, 6015 families benefited during the Sixth Plan under the Mico Projects Schemes in Orissa.

Construction of houses

1904. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of houses proposed to be constructed by the Delhi Development Authority during the next three years;

(b) what is the amount proposed to be spent on the construction of these houses; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to set up a number of housing societies and to provide building material at cheaper rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) DDA has a target of constructing 50,000 houses per year for the next 6 years subject to the acquisition of land required for construction of houses and availability of funds.

(b) Rs. 400 crores per year approximately.

(c) Good work has been done in cooperative housing in Delhi through cooperatives. Government encourages and facilitates this. No proposal for the provision of building material at cheaper rates to these Cooperative Societies is under consideration of Government.

Landless peasants

1905. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of landless peasants in the country, State-wise upto December, 1985; and

(b) by when these peasants are likely to get lands and what measures Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Information on the total number of landless peasants in the country upto December, 1985 is not available. State-wise figures of agricultural labourers as per 1981 census are given in the statement attached. (*See below*).

(b) Providing land to landless peasants depends upon the availability of land for distribution. 43.30 lakh acres of surplus land vesting in the State consequent to imposition of agricultural land ceilings have been distributed till now to 33.76 lakh beneficiariese. About 16.97 lakh acres of surplus land are involved in litigation and will beome available for distribution only when it gets released after the court cases are decided. States have been requested to take measures for--

(a) early disposal of cases involving ceiling surplus land;

(b) vigorous implementation of ceiling laws to get more land for distribution;

(c) bringing all tenants and sharecroppers on record and conferring ownership rights on them;

(d) early allotment of undistributed Bhoodan lands and culturable wastelands; and

(e) identifying unculturable wastelands with the Government, panchayats or the community and permitting poor and landless individuals to grow fuelwood, fruit & fodder trees on such lands either by leasing them for the purpose or through a tree patta scheme with usufructuary rights in the trees.